

# *Sangamon Valley LEPC*

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## **AGENDA**

*January 21, 2016*

*8:30 AM*

*Office of the State Fire Marshal  
1035 Stevenson Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703*

*Meeting Called to Order by David Butt, Chairman*

*Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (11/19/2015)*

*Welcome to LEPC Members and Visitors*

*Sign-in Sheet Circulated*

*Self-introductions*

### *Old Business*

*Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant*

*Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study*

*JDQ – Winter Truck Count*

*OEM – Collection of 2016 Railroad Data*

*Growmark Menard Terminal Expansion Project*

### *New Business*

*Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2015*

*2015 Tier 2 Reports must be filed by March 1*

*Hazard Vulnerability Assessments for Sangamon and Menard Counties*

*Defining Critical Facilities and Risk Categories*

*Flood Fight During the Past Month*

### *Other Business*

*Public Comment*

*Around the Room*

*Next Meeting: March 17, 2016, at Office of the State Fire Marshal*

*Motion to Adjourn*

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## **MINUTES OF THE SANGAMON VALLEY LEPC MEETING – January 21, 2016**

**Call to Order** - The Chair, David Butt, called the meeting to order at 8:30 am, at the State Fire Marshal's Office Auditorium, 1035 Aldai Stevenson Drive, Springfield IL 62703.

There was a quorum with 17 members present: John Brennan, Village of Williamsville; Mike Burg, Menard County EMS; David Butt, Sangamon County OEM; Brian Churchill, St. John's Hospital (SJH); Roger Cruse, Ameren Illinois; Tracy Garrison, Sangamon County GIS; Brian Hollenkamp, Menard County GIS; George Krebs, Illinois EPA; Tim Krell, Sangamon County Board; Eli Logan, Memorial Medical Center (MMC); Ralph Long, Illinois Air National Guard (IANG); Mike Lopez Sangamon County 911 System; Pat Metz, City Water, Light and Power; Mike Moos, Village of Sherman; Chris Richmond, Springfield Fire Dept. (SFD); Diana Wade, Sangamon County/Menard County Department of Public Health (DPH); and Linda Wheeland, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

**Approval of the Minutes** - Minutes from the LEPC meeting of November 19, 2015, were distributed via e-mail prior to this meeting. An inquiry was made by Roger Cruse about Menard Terminal (see more below) A motion was made by Mike Moos, seconded by Tracy Garrison and approved unanimously to accept these minutes.

**Welcome** – A sign-in sheet was circulated. Self-introductions were made. Five visitors were present: Matt Bryan, Village of Chatham; Prezley Duncan, American Red Cross (ARC); Mark Newton, Union Pacific Railroad (UP); Emily Audrain, IANG; and Jim Johnson, SFD. All were welcomed.

### **Old Business**

Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (HMEP) Grant – Our FFY2015 grant has been approved at \$15,535. The Chair submitted the first quarter claim report yesterday. We have been advised to identify only activities related to transporting hazardous materials by rail or over the road. Only if it is within a transporting vehicle while onsite, can hazardous materials at a fixed facility be considered for the FFY2015 grant. Last year's HMEP receipts were much greater, after we received a re-allocation in July. We were told to expect fewer dollars being re-allocated this year.

Hazardous Materials Commodity Flow Study (CFS) – CFS is an allowable activity for the FFY2015 grant. Johnson, Depp and Quisenberry (JDQ) completed a fall truck count for the LEPC at the same 10 locations used last spring and summer. Seasonal changes were expected for agricultural items and this was observed. Arrangements have been made for a winter truck count. If the HMEP re-allocates to us, we will try to fund another round of spring and summer truck counts for comparative purposes. Because this year's grant proceeds will be just 35% of last year's, our contract with JDQ does not include provisions for reviewing railroad car counts. The Chair will interact with the railroads hauling hazardous materials thru our planning district to gather updated data, but it will not be fully analyzed during this performance period, unless further funding becomes available. Mark Newton, of the UP, said that his railroad has its data of 2015 railroad counts available and urged us to request it soon. The Chair and several members asked Mark questions about hazardous materials moving on the UP. We thanked Mark for attending.

Growmark Menard Terminal Expansion Project – Mike Burg reported that Growmark appears to have both 3.5-million-gallon fuel tanks completed, but not painted, north of Athens. Leak testing will not commence until both are painted, so that the same 3.5 million gallons of water can be used for both tanks. Disposal of this water into a borrow pit created at the site when berms are being built would be beneficial for responding fire departments, but it could create an environmental issue for Growmark. SFD Hazardous Materials Response Team would respond to Menard Terminal for a substantial fuel release. The Chair has asked SFD Chief Helmerichs if preplanning for such an event can identify the likely elapsed time for getting the team to this site. Growmark holds an annual tabletop exercise for Menard Terminal and the Chair would like to have this information and include SFD in the 2016 exercise.

## **New Business**

Summary Report Relative to LEPC Activities During 2015 – The Chair distributed a draft of this annual summary with our meeting notice. He noted that a correction was needed to remove July from the first paragraph. Upon reviewing the complete document, the hospitals requested that presentation of the HVA for SJH and MMC be highlighted during the November meeting. With these 2 changes, a motion was made by John Brennan, seconded by Brian Churchill and approved unanimously to approve this summary report for 2015.

2015 Tier 2 Reports – The Chair identified that the filing period is open, but only 3 Tier 2 Reports have been received by mail thus far. Last year, many filers waited until the last few days and the State's software for receiving electronic copies failed. He encouraged all members required to file a Tier 2 Report to proceed early with this task.

Hazard Vulnerability Assessments (HVA) for Sangamon and Menard Counties – The Chair asked to hold this topic for a future meeting. Brian Churchill gave us good background on the Kaiser HVA tool in November. The Chair will arrange an activity for a future meeting to consider the vulnerabilities of our 2 counties for a list of potential hazards. We will use the Kaiser tool to further our hazard identification and risk assessments.

Defining Critical Facilities and Risk Categories – The Chair identified that since Hurricane Sandy, FEMA has a specific definition for "critical actions", implying what are a community's critical facilities. For the CFS and HVA we have been discussing, we will want to more broadly consider our critical facilities. The chair also asked to hold this topic for a future meeting. Chris Richmond and Jim Johnson told the committee that SFD has recently also begun working on this topic using GIS provided by Tracy Garrison. The Chair will stay in contact with SFD, so that this topic can be presented at the March meeting.

Flood Fight – The Chair explained that the previous 2 topics had not been prepared for today's meeting because of response and recovery from river flooding since Christmas. Mike Burg discussed Menard County's successful response to Sangamon River flooding at Petersburg where Hesco barriers were installed against the crest being forecasted, as protection for both residential and commercial properties. Protective action at 2 locations in Sangamon County also saved a water plant for Dawson and sewer plant for Riverton. The Stafford Act sets a high threshold for Illinois to qualify for Public Assistance with a disaster declaration. Ultimately, it is better to work hard on protective actions, avoid disastrous costs and fail to qualify for a declaration, than to have our communities suffer loss of infrastructure that eventually brings federal assistance to cover a portion of recovery costs.

## **Other Business**

Public Comment – There was none today.

Around the Room – Chris Richmond was asked about the response by SFD to an overturned semi full of young hogs at the Clearlake exit ramp from I-55. Chris did not have information on the debriefing from this accident, but gave us the ability to perceive that it was much different from a response to an overturned Hazmat load on the highway. Chris also told of another successful smoke detector installation program in Springfield, last Saturday. He had worked closely with Prezley Duncan to combine the efforts of SFD and ARC. He recognized Linda Wheeland as one of the volunteers participating. This is a multi-year program that has already installed over 500 detectors in Springfield. A method is being established for ARC to reach this program outside the city limits.

Meeting Closure – The next LEPC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am, March 17, 2016, at the Office of the State Fire Marshal. There being no further business, a motion was made by Mike Lopez, seconded by Pat Metz and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 am.